

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1242

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2015

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Regional Gas Con-
5 sumer Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED CONSIDERATIONS FOR APPROVAL OR**
2 **DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LNG**
3 **TERMINALS.**

4 Section 3(e) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
5 717b(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) REQUIRED CONSIDERATIONS.—Before the
7 Commission may approve or disapprove an applica-
8 tion for the siting, construction, expansion, or oper-
9 ation of an LNG terminal under this subsection, the
10 Commission shall consider—

11 “(A) regional constraints in the natural
12 gas supply of the United States; and

13 “(B) whether the application includes pro-
14 visions of benefit to the regional consumers of
15 natural gas that would be affected by the expor-
16 tation of natural gas.”.

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